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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS STATE OF MISSOURI

MNG 2005, INC., a Missouri Corporation,)
Plaintiff,)
) Cause No
VS.)
) Division
PAYMENTECH, LLC,)
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Serve: CT Corporation Systems, Registered Agent)
120 South Central Avenue, 4th Floor)
St. Louis, MO 63105)
(St. Louis County, Missouri))
Defendant.)

PETITION FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW Plaintiff, MNG 2005, INC., by and through its attorney, Nathan S. Cohen, and for its Petition for Damages against Defendant, PAYMENTECH, LLC, states to the court as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiff is a corporation doing business in the State of Missouri and existing by virtue of law that has its corporate residence in the State of Texas.
- 2. Defendant is a credit card processing company doing business in the State of Missouri existing by virtue of law.

COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 3. On about March 30, 2018, Plaintiff and Defendant entered into a Merchant Agreement and Application for the processing of card payments to Plaintiff from its online customers.
- 4. On May 1, 2018, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's merchant account and stopped processing its payment card transactions, purportedly due to a violation by Plaintiff of the merchant agreement.

EXHIBIT

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5. In doing so, and in violation of the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant withheld, and continues to withhold, fees earned by Plaintiff form online sales in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00.

- 6. Further, on about June 21, 2018, Defendant attempted to remove an additional \$25,000.00 from the merchant account of Plaintiff for a purported "non-compliance fee."
- 7. Demand has been made by Plaintiff upon Defendant to turn over the funds belonging to Plaintiff.
- 8. Defendant has withheld payment from Plaintiff, depriving Plaintiff of income without due process of law or appropriate investigation, and in breach of Defendant's contract with Plaintiff.
- 9. Defendant is in breach of its contract with Plaintiff, and Plaintiff has been damages and its rights violated in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00, and in a total of damages which can be undetermined at this time.
- 10. Plaintiff has been caused to incur attorney's fees and costs, which continue to accrue, in prosecuting this action, which said fees should be payable by Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant on Count I of its petition in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00 for its breach of contract, for damages in excess of \$25,000.00, for an award of Plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs herein incurred payable by Defendant, and for such other and further orders this court deems just and proper in the premises.

COUNT II - LIBEL

COMES NOW Plaintiff, by and through counsel and for Count II of its petition against Defendants, states as follows:

11. Plaintiff restates and realleges each and every averment contained in paragraphs 1 through 10 of its petition as if more fully set forth hereafter.

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12. Upon terminating Plaintiff's merchant account, Defendant made false claims that Plaintiff is engaged in the sale of marijuana and/or illegal products.

13. Plaintiff is engaged in lawful sales activities, selling products on the internet in

compliance with state and federal laws, and products that are commonly found online at Amazon,

Target, and other online superstores.

14. The assertion by Defendant that Plaintiff is engaged in illegal activity is actionable for

the reason that Plaintiff enjoys a good reputation in the community, which consists of his customers

and suppliers and vendors, and that the statement and assertion made by Defendant about Plaintiff's

business is false, without merit, conclusory without proper investigation, and libelous.

15. Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff were published.

16. Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff are defamatory.

17. Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendant's actions, assertions and statements and has

been caused to incur attorney's fees and costs, which continue to accrue, in prosecuting this action,

which said fees should be payable by Defendant

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant on Count II of its petition for

damages for libel in an amount that is fair and reasonable and in excess of \$25,000.00, for Plaintiff's

attorney's fees and costs incurred herein payable by Defendant, and for such other and further orders

this court deems just and proper in the premises.

COUNT III - CONVERSION

COMES NOW Plaintiff, by and through counsel, and for Count III of its petition against

Defendants, states as follows:

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18. Plaintiff restates and realleges each and every averment contained in paragraphs 1 through 17 of its petition as if more fully set forth hereafter.

19. That Defendant has withheld, without right or permission, funds belonging to Plaintiff in excess of \$66,500.00.

20. Defendant is responsible for conversion.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for an order of this court awarding Plaintiff \$66,500.00, plus attorney's fees and costs, and damages in excess of \$25,000.00 for unlawful conversion, and for such other and further orders this court deems just and proper in the premises.

LAW OFFICE OF NATHAN S. COHEN

BY: /s/ Nathan S. Cohen

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS STATE OF MISSOURI

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Serve: CT Corporation Systems, Registered Agent)	
120 South Central Avenue, 4th Floor)	
St. Louis, MO 63105)	
(St. Louis County, Missouri))	
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Defendant)	

MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

COMES NOW Plaintiff, MNG 2005, INC., by and through counsel, and for its Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, states to the court as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiff is a corporation doing business in the State of Missouri and existing by virtue of law that has its corporate residence in the State of Texas.
- 2. Defendant is a credit card processing company doing business in the State of Missouri existing by virtue of law.
- 3. On about March 30, 2018, Plaintiff and Defendant entered into a Merchant Agreement and Application for the processing of card payments to Plaintiff from its online customers.
- 4. On May 1, 2018, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's merchant account and stopped processing its payment card transactions, purportedly due to a violation by Plaintiff of the merchant agreement.

- 5. In doing so, and in violation of the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant withheld, and continues to withhold, fees earned by Plaintiff form online sales in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00.
- 6. Further, on about June 21, 2018, Defendant attempted to remove an additional \$25,000.00 from the merchant account of Plaintiff for a purported "non-compliance fee."
- 7. Demand has been made by Plaintiff upon Defendant to turn over the funds belonging to Plaintiff.
- 8. Defendant has further made a false claim that Plaintiff is engaged in the sale of marijuana and has denied Plaintiff the funds belonging to Plaintiff and withheld by Defendant.
- 9. Plaintiff is engaged in lawful sales activities, selling products on the internet in compliance with state and federal laws, and products that are commonly found online at Amazon, Target, and other online superstores.
- 10. The assertion by Defendant that Plaintiff is engaged in illegal activity is actionable for the reason that Plaintiff enjoys a good reputation in the community, which consists of his customers and suppliers and vendors, and that the statement and assertion made by Defendant about Plaintiff's business is false, without merit, conclusory without proper investigation, and libelous.
- 11. Defendant has withheld payment from Plaintiff, depriving Plaintiff of income without due process of law or appropriate investigation.
 - 12. Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff were published.
 - 13. Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff are defamatory.
 - 14. Defendant is responsible for conversion.

15. Plaintiff faces an imminent risk of irreparable harm unless the court grants a temporary restraining order, enjoying and restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court, and that Defendant immediately

16. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law unless this court grants a temporary restraining order restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products

sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00 until further order of this court.

returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in

excess of \$66,500.00.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for an Order and Judgment of this Court granting a Temporary Restraining Order restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court, and ordering that Defendant immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00, and for such other and further orders this court deems just and proper in the premises, including, but not limited to, an award of Plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

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STATE OF MISSOURI)	,
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)	
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St. Louis, MO 63105)	
(St. Louis County, Missouri))	
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Defendant.)	

NOTICE PURSUANT TO 92.02(a)

COMES NOW Plaintiff, MNG 2005, INC., by and through counsel, and states to the court the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff seeks a Temporary Restraining Order in this matter.
- 2. That notice of Plaintiff's request for a temporary restraining order and that Plaintiff will present its request for temporary restraining order to the court on Wednesday, July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. is given to Defendant pursuant to Rule 92.02(a) by service upon Defendant via electronic mail at ccso.dallas.risk@chasepaymenttech.com, with a copy via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to Defendant, by and through its registered agent, CT Corporation Systems, 120 South Central Avenue, 4th Floor, St. Louis, MO 63105.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that, following notice given pursuant to 92.02(a) as indicated above, this Court enter its Temporary Restraining Order in conformity thereof and schedule Plaintiff's request for temporary restraining order for hearing pursuant to court rule, and for such other and further Orders as this Court deems just and proper in the premises.

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St. Louis, MO 63105)	
(St. Louis County, Missouri))	
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Defendant.)	

ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiff is a corporation doing business in the State of Missouri and existing by virtue of law that has its corporate residence in the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, Defendant is a credit card processing company doing business in the State of Missouri existing by virtue of law;

WHEREAS, on about March 30, 2018, Plaintiff and Defendant entered into a Merchant Agreement and Application for the processing of card payments to Plaintiff from its online customers;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's merchant account and stopped processing its payment card transactions, purportedly due to a violation by Plaintiff of the merchant agreement;

WHEREAS, in doing so, and in violation of the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant withheld, and continues to withhold, fees earned by Plaintiff form online sales in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00;

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WHEREAS, on about June 21, 2018, Defendant attempted to remove an additional \$25,000.00 from the merchant account of Plaintiff for a purported "non-compliance fee";

WHEREAS, demand has been made by Plaintiff upon Defendant to turn over the funds belonging to Plaintiff;

WHEREAS, Defendant has further made a false claim that Plaintiff is engaged in the sale of marijuana and has denied Plaintiff the funds belonging to Plaintiff and withheld by Defendant;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff is engaged in lawful sales activities, selling products on the internet in compliance with state and federal laws, and products that are commonly found online at Amazon, Target, and other online superstores;

WHEREAS, the assertion by Defendant that Plaintiff is engaged in illegal activity is actionable for the reason that Plaintiff enjoys a good reputation in the community, which consists of his customers and suppliers and vendors, and that the statement and assertion made by Defendant about Plaintiff's business is false, without merit, conclusory without proper investigation, and libelous;

WHEREAS, Defendant has withheld payment from Plaintiff, depriving Plaintiff of income without due process of law or appropriate investigation;

WHEREAS, Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff were published;

WHEREAS, Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff are defamatory;

WHEREAS, Defendant is responsible for conversion;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff faces an imminent risk of irreparable harm unless the court grants a temporary restraining order, enjoying and restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Case: 4:18-cv-01155-JAR Doc. #: 1-1 Filed: 07/13/18 Page: 13 of 28 PageID #: 18

Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court, and that Defendant immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law unless this court grants a temporary restraining order restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00 until further order of this court.

WHEREFORE, the Court, being duly advised of the premises as set forth in Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, does now grant Plaintiff's request for Temporary Restraining Order and orders that Defendant be restrained and enjoined from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court; and that Plaintiff be awarded its attorney's fees and costs incurred herein and payable by Defendant.

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CONFIDENTIAL CASE FILING INFORMATION SHEET – NON-DOMESTIC RELATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete this form for all parties known at the time of filing. Provide the most appropriate Case Type and Party
 Type codes and descriptions. (Found on the Case Types List and Party Types List at www.courts.mo.gov on the
 Court Forms/Filing Information page.)
- ✓ If additional space is needed, complete additional Confidential Case Filing Information Sheets.

NOTE: The full Social Security Number (SSN) is *required* pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 4 if the party is a person; exception can only be granted if the information is not reasonably available. This is a confidential record due to the SSN and possible confidential addresses. However, this information is used to open a case in the Missouri State Courts Automated Case Management System. Cases deemed public under Missouri Revised Statutes can be accessed through Case.net. The day and month of birth, SSN, and confidential addresses are NOT provided to the public through Case.net access.

Style of Case: MNG 2005 Inc. vs. Paymentech, LLC
(i.e., In the Estate of; In the Matter of; Petitioner v. Respondent.)
Case Type Code: CA Case Type Description: Damages (Breach of Contract, Libel and Conversion)
Party Type Code: PLT Party Type Description: Plaintiff
Name (if a person): (Last) (Middle)
Organization (if non-person): MNG 2005, Inc.
Address: 1380 Ferguson Avenue
City: St. Louis State: MO Zip: 63133 Contact Telephone Number:
DOB/DOD: Gender: Male Female SSN:
Attorney Name (if represented by counsel): Nathan S. Cohen Bar ID: 36072 Party Type Code: APLT
Party Type Code:DEFParty Type Description: Defendant
Name (if a person): (Last) (Middle)
Organization (if non-person): Paymentech, LLC
Address: c/o CT Corporation Systems, Registered Agent, 120 South Central Avenue, 4th Floor
City: St. Louis State: MO Zip: 63105 Contact Telephone Number:
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IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division:	Case Number: 18SL-CC02552
DAVID L VINCENT III	
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address
MNG 2005, INC.	NATHAN S COHEN
	210 SOUTH BEMISTON
vs.	CLAYTON, MO 63105
Defendant/Respondent:	Court Address:
PAYMENTECH, LLC	ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING
Nature of Suit:	105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
CC Breach of Contract	CLAYTON, MO 63105

(Date File Stamp)

Summons in Civil Case

The State of Missouri to: PAYMENTECH, LLC

Alias:

120 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE #400

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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suits, see Supreme Court Rule 54.

You are summoned to appear before this court and to file your pleading to the petition, a copy of which is attached, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon the attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner at the above address all within 30 days after receiving this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to file your pleading, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the Office of the Circuit Clerk at 314-615-8029, FAX 314-615-8739, email at SLCADA@courts.mo.gov, or through Relay Missouri by dialing 711 or 800-735-2966, at least three business days in advance of the court proceeding.

28-JUN-2018

Date

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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Twenty First Judicial Circuit

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Purpose of Notice

As a party to a lawsuit in this court, you have the right to have a judge or jury decide your case. However, most lawsuits are settled by the parties before a trial takes place. This is often true even when the parties initially believe that settlement is not possible. A settlement reduces the expense and inconvenience of litigation. It also eliminates any uncertainty about the results of a trial.

Alternative dispute resolution services and procedures are available that may help the parties settle their lawsuit faster and at less cost. Often such services are most effective in reducing costs if used early in the course of a lawsuit. Your attorney can aid you in deciding whether and when such services would be helpful in your case.

Your Rights and Obligations in Court Are Not Affected By This Notice

You may decide to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure if the other parties to your case agree to do so. In some circumstances, a judge of this court may refer your case to an alternative dispute resolution procedure described below. These procedures are not a substitute for the services of a lawyer and consultation with a lawyer is recommended. Because you are a party to a lawsuit, you have obligations and deadlines which must be followed whether you use an alternative dispute resolution procedure or not. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH A PETITION, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE ON TIME TO AVOID THE RISK OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.

<u>Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures</u>

There are several procedures designed to help parties settle lawsuits. Most of these procedures involve the services of a neutral third party, often referred to as the "neutral," who is trained in dispute resolution and is not partial to any party. The services are provided by individuals and organizations who may charge a fee for this help. Some of the recognized alternative dispute resolutions procedures are:

- (1) <u>Advisory Arbitration:</u> A procedure in which a neutral person or persons (typically one person or a panel of three persons) hears both sides and decides the case. The arbitrator's decision is not binding and simply serves to guide the parties in trying to settle their lawsuit. An arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, is usually shorter, and may be conducted in a private setting at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. The parties, by agreement, may select the arbitrator(s) and determine the rules under which the arbitration will be conducted.
- (2) <u>Mediation:</u> A process in which a neutral third party facilitates communication between the parties to promote settlement. An effective mediator may offer solutions that have not been considered by the parties or their lawyers. A mediator may not impose his or her own judgment on the issues for that of the parties.

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- (3) <u>Early Neutral Evaluation ("ENE"):</u> A process designed to bring the parties to the litigation and their counsel together in the early pretrial period to present case summaries before and receive a non-binding assessment from an experienced neutral evaluator. The objective is to promote early and meaningful communication concerning disputes, enabling parties to plan their cases effectively and assess realistically the relative strengths and weaknesses of their positions. While this confidential environment provides an opportunity to negotiate a resolution, immediate settlement is not the primary purpose of this process.
- (4) Mini-Trial: A process in which each party and their counsel present their case before a selected representative for each party and a neutral third party, to define the issues and develop a basis for realistic settlement negotiations. The neutral third party may issue an advisory opinion regarding the merits of the case. The advisory opinion is not binding.
- (5) Summary Jury Trial: A summary jury trial is a non binding, informal settlement process in which jurors hear abbreviated case presentations. A judge or neutral presides over the hearing, but there are no witnesses and the rules of evidence are relaxed. After the "trial", the jurors retire to deliberate and then deliver an advisory verdict. The verdict then becomes the starting point for settlement negotiations among the parties.

Selecting an Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure and a Neutral

If the parties agree to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure, they must decide what type of procedure to use and the identity of the neutral. As a public service, the St. Louis County Circuit Clerk maintains a list of persons who are available to serve as neutrals. The list contains the names of individuals who have met qualifications established by the Missouri Supreme Court and have asked to be on the list. The Circuit Clerk also has Neutral Qualifications Forms on file. These forms have been submitted by the neutrals on the list and provide information on their background and expertise. They also indicate the types of alternative dispute resolution services each neutral provides.

A copy of the list may be obtained by request in person and in writing to: Circuit Clerk, Office of Dispute Resolution Services, 7900 Carondelet Avenue, 5th Floor, Clayton, Missouri 63105. The Neutral Qualifications Forms will also be made available for inspection upon request to the Circuit Clerk.

The List and Neutral Qualification Forms are provided only as a convenience to the parties in selecting a neutral. The court cannot advise you on legal matters and can only provide you with the List and Forms. You should ask your lawyer for further information.

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PAYMENTECH, LLC Defendant/Respondent

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Curtis Martin or Dave Conder, STL Investigat	tions, 10 Amber Meadows, O'Fallon, MO; 636-485-0076
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JOAN M. GILMER, Circuit Clerk	Nathan S. Cohen Signature of Attorney/Plaintiff/Petitioner 36072
By	Bar No.
Deputy Clerk	210 South Bemiston Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105
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Defendant.	<i>)</i>

NOTICE PURSUANT TO 92.02(a)

COMES NOW Plaintiff, MNG 2005, INC., by and through counsel, and states to the court the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff seeks a Temporary Restraining Order in this matter.
- 2. That notice of Plaintiff's request for a temporary restraining order and that Plaintiff will present its request for temporary restraining order to the court on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. is given to Defendant pursuant to Rule 92.02(a) by service upon Defendant through its registered agent, CT Corporation Systems, 120 South Central Avenue, 4th Floor, St. Louis, MO 63105.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that, following notice given pursuant to 92.02(a) as indicated above, this Court enter its Temporary Restraining Order in conformity thereof and schedule Plaintiff's request for temporary restraining order for hearing pursuant to court rule, and for such other and further Orders as this Court deems just and proper in the premises.

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St. Louis, MO 63105)
(St. Louis County, Missouri)	JOAN M. GILMER OIRQUIT CLERK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY
Defendant.)

ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

WHEREAS, Plaintiff is a corporation doing business in the State of Missouri and existing by virtue of law that has its corporate residence in the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, Defendant is a credit card processing company doing business in the State of Missouri existing by virtue of law;

WHEREAS, on about March 30, 2018, Plaintiff and Defendant entered into a Merchant Agreement and Application for the processing of card payments to Plaintiff from its online customers;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's merchant account and stopped processing its payment card transactions, purportedly due to a violation by Plaintiff of the merchant agreement;

WHEREAS, in doing so, and in violation of the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant withheld, and continues to withhold, fees earned by Plaintiff form online sales in an amount in excess of \$66,500.00;

WHEREAS, on about June 21, 2018, Defendant attempted to remove an additional \$25,000.00 from the merchant account of Plaintiff for a purported "non-compliance fee";

WHEREAS, demand has been made by Plaintiff upon Defendant to turn over the funds belonging to Plaintiff;

WHEREAS, Defendant has further made a false claim that Plaintiff is engaged in the sale of marijuana and has denied Plaintiff the funds belonging to Plaintiff and withheld by Defendant;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff is engaged in lawful sales activities, selling products on the internet in compliance with state and federal laws, and products that are commonly found online at Amazon, Target, and other online superstores;

WHEREAS, the assertion by Defendant that Plaintiff is engaged in illegal activity is actionable for the reason that Plaintiff enjoys a good reputation in the community, which consists of his customers and suppliers and vendors, and that the statement and assertion made by Defendant about Plaintiff's business is false, without merit, conclusory without proper investigation, and libelous;

WHEREAS, Defendant has withheld payment from Plaintiff, depriving Plaintiff of income without due process of law or appropriate investigation;

WHEREAS, Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff were published;

WHEREAS, Defendant's assertions and statements about Plaintiff are defamatory;

WHEREAS, Defendant is responsible for conversion;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff faces an imminent risk of irreparable harm unless the court grants a temporary restraining order, enjoying and restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court, and that Defendant immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law unless this court grants a temporary restraining order restraining Defendant from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and immediately returning to Plaintiff the funds earned by Plaintiff for products sold and withheld by Defendant in excess of \$66,500.00 until further order of this court.

WHEREFORE, the Court, being duly advised of the premises as set forth in Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, does now grant Plaintiff's request for Temporary Restraining Order and orders that Defendant be restrained and enjoined from making false and defamatory statements about Plaintiff that Plaintiff is engaged in criminal behavior, and further restraining Defendant from withholding funds from Plaintiff and from attempting to remove any further funds from the account of Plaintiff until further order of this court; and that Plaintiff be awarded its attorney's fees and costs incurred herein and payable by Defendant.

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NATHAN COHEN TRO BOND

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS STATE OF MISSOURI

MNG 2005, INC., a Missouri Corporation)
)
Plaintiff,)
) Cause No. 18SL-CC02552
VS.)
) Division 9
PAYMENTECH, LLC,)
)
Defe	ndant.)

MEMORANDUM TO CLERK

COMES NOW Plaintiff, MNG 2005, INC., by and through counsel, and files its Server's Return in this cause of Plaintiff's Petition, Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Notice Pursuant to 92.02(a), and proposed Order Granting Temporary Restraining Order upon Defendant, along with the cost bill for service, and requests said cost be taxed herein.

LAW OFFICE OF NATHAN S. COHEN

BY: /s/ Nathan S. Cohen
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed on July 2, 2018, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by using the Missouri e-filing system, and that participants in the case who are registered users will be served by the system pursuant to Rule 103.08.

/s/	Nat	han	<u>S.</u>	Cohen	

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